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### BRIEF AND TIMELY NOTES

On February 25 an adult specimen of the Mourning-cloak Butterfly (*Vanessa antiopa*, L.), was observed by Prof. J. R. Watson at Gainesville, Fla. This appears to be its farthest south record.

The Cottony Cushion Scale (*Icerya purchasi*, Mask.) is now known to occur as far north in Florida as Gainesville. Available information indicates that the pest came to Gainesville on contraband nursery stock from Pinellas County.

The caterpillar of the Spice-bush Swallowtail (*Papilio troilus*, L.), has twice been observed feeding on camphor at Gainesville, and one adult reared. In one instance the caterpillars were reported as abundant.

The Greenhouse Thrips (*Heliothrips haemorrhodalis*, Bouche) is now uncommonly severe in the State on citrus, avocado, mango and coleus.

The Citrus Spiny Whitefly (*Aleurocanthus woglumi* Ashby) is reported as severe in Cuba, Jamaica and New Providence.